

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [1001] with the following rewritten amended paragraph:

[1001] The present application claims priority to Provisional Application No. 60/278,440, Attorney Docket No. GRCN001/00US, entitled, "System and Method for Routing Messages Between Applications," filed Mar. 26, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph [1005] with the following rewritten amended paragraph:

[1005] As many EAI vendors have experienced, the practice of releasing customized connectors (or adapters) for each specific enterprise software package has not proven to be scalable. Scores of adapters need to be built for each vendor (~~e.g. Oracle, SAP, and Peoplesoft~~) (for example, Oracle corporation of Redwood Shores, CA, SAP AG of Walldorf, Germany, and PeopleSoft Inc. of Pleasanton, CA). As each supplier releases new versions of their software, EAI vendors find themselves unable to gain traction under the burden of supporting their existing adapters.

Please replace paragraph [1008] with the following rewritten amended paragraph:

[1008] Some ASPs merely host and manage third-party packaged software for their customers ("managed hosters"). Others build new applications from the ground up to take advantage of the benefits and cost-savings of the Web ("webware providers"). Webware providers enjoy the profit margins and operational scalability of consumer Web companies like ~~eBay and Yahoo~~ eBay Inc. of San Jose, CA, and Yahoo! Inc. of Sunnyvale, CA, while at the same time offering the feature sets of complex enterprise software applications such as software applications by Peoplesoft and Siebel Systems Inc. of San Mateo, CA.